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In re Patent Application of:

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CONVERSION OF CARBONACEOUS  
MATERIAL

Examiner: Bhat, Nina Nmn

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of December 28, 2005, the period of which to respond extends until August 28, 2006, by virtue of a Notice of Appeal filed June 28, 2006 and a Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, the applicants amend and respond to the office action as follows:

**Amendments begin** on page 2 and

**Remarks begin** on page 6.